

ABSTRACT

A vehicle weatherstrip, beltstrip or door seal includes a hybrid carrier or core and extruded or molded elastomeric sealing features. The hybrid carrier includes lineal sections of diverse flexibility and compressibility which are achieved by upsetting the metal carrier by lancing, stamping or coining and, optimally, stretching. Preferably, the carrier is manufactured in a continuous length, the elastomeric material is extruded or molded thereover and the resulting product is cut into useable lengths having the desired more flexible and more rigid regions disposed along its length which correspond to corners and straight sections, respectively, of for example, a glass run.